GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – PR&RD Department – Allegations of acquisition of assets disproportionate to known sources of income against Sri Ch.Vidya Sagar, the then Executive Engineer, RWS&S, Vizianagaram Division, Vizianagaram District and presently working as District RWS Engineering officer, Bapatla District – Disciplinary proceedings – Conduct of Inquiry and findings of the inquiry authority - Decision of Government - Imposing the punishment of "Reduction to a lower stage in the time scale of pay by two stages for six months" under Rule 9(v)(b) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991 – Orders – Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.VI) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.909 **Dated: 26/12/2023.**
Read the following:-

1. Radio Message dt.14.09.2016&17.09.2016 received from the Inspector of Police, ACB, Vizianagaram.
2. G.O.Rt.No.851,PR&RD(Vig.VI) Dept., dt:.23.09.2016.
3. G.O.Ms.No.45,PR&RD(Vig.VI) Dept., dt:.11.08.2017.
4. G.O.Rt.No.355, PR&RD (Vig.VI) Department, Dt:20.04.2019.
5. From the DG,ACB, letter Rc.No.118/RCA-VVZ/2016-S.12, dt:.01.06.2020.
6. G.O.Ms.No.685, PR&RD(Vig.VI)Dept, dt:.10.11.2020.
7. From the D.G, ACB, A.P., Lr.No.118/RCA-VVZ/2016-S.12, dt:.30.3.2021.
8. G.O.Rt.No.242, PR & RD (Vig.VI) Dept., dated: 06.05.2021.
9. From the ENC, RWS&S, A.P., Letter No.Vig./RWS&S/14080/2016, dated:22.06.2021 along with the WSD, Dt:07.06.2021 of Sri Ch.Vidya Sagar, the then EE, RWS&S (P)Division, Vizianagaram.
10. G.O.Rt.No.471, dated:02.09.2021 of P.R. & R.D. (Vig.VI) Department.
11. G.O.Rt.No.544, PR & RD (Vig.VI) Dept., dated:18.10.2021.
12. From the Chief Engineer-III & Inquiry Officer, RWS&S, Vijayawada, Lr.No.CE-III/Inquiry/ACB DA Case/2021, dt:02.05.2023.
13. Govt.Memo.No.11069/Vig.VI/2016, dated:04.06.2023.
14. WSD of Sri Ch. Vidya Sagar, the then EE, RWS (Projects),Vizianagaram Division, Vizianagaram District and presently working as District RWS Engineering Officer, Bapatla District, dated:21.06.2023.

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ORDER:-

In the reference 1st read above, the ACB authorities registered a case in CR.No 08/RCA-ACB/VZM/2016 U/S 13(2) R/W 13(1) (e) of Prevention of Corruption Act,1988 of ACB Vizianagaram Range against Sri Ch.Vidya Sagar, the then Executive Engineer, RWS&S, Vizianagaram Division, Vizianagaram District and presently working as District RWS Engineering officer, Bapatla District, on 08.09.2016 for acquisition of assets disproportionate to the known sources of income; and he was arrested on 14.09.2016 at 17.15 hrs and produced before the Special Judge for ACB cases, Visakhapatnam for judicial custody at 16.00 hours on 15.09.2016. The AO was placed under suspension from the date of his detention i.e from 14.09.2016 vide GO 2nd read above and later reinstated the individual into service with a direction to post him to non-focal post, without prejudice to Criminal/disciplinary proceedings vide GO 4th read above.

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2. Whereas, as per the report of the ACB Authorities, orders were issued vide G.O 3rd read above, for attachment of properties of the A.O. for a worth of Rs 1,83,69,627/- (Rupees One crore eighty three lakhs sixty nine thousand six hundred twenty seven only), under Section 3 of the Criminal Law Amendment Ordinance 1944. Later on, based on the final report of the DG, ACB vide reference 5th read above, sanction accorded for prosecution vide G.O 6th read above. Accordingly, the DG, ACB has filed charge sheet before the Hon'ble Court of Special Judge for SPE & ACB cases at Visakhapatnam on 01.04.2016; and the case was assigned as CC No.15/2021 in the above ACB court, at Visakhapatnam. It is still pending before the trial court.

3. In the G.O. 8th read above, in respect of departmental action, articles of charge were framed against Sri Ch.Vidya Sagar, Executive Engineer, RWS&S, Vizianagaram Division, Vizianagaram District and presently working as District RWS Engineering officer, Bapatla District, for non submission of Annual Property Returns as well as for non intimation on acquiring assets in his name and his family members and also for failure to submit the information in Form-I to VI as requested through the SE, Vizianagaram under violation of Rules 9(1&2), 9(7&8) of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

4. After examining the written statement of defence of the individual received vide reference 9th read above and as it is not convincing, Government have decided to conduct regular departmental Inquiry against the Charged Officer on the charges framed against him. Accordingly, Government have appointed the Inquiry authority and the presenting officer to conduct detailed inquiry into the matter, vide references 10th & 11th read above.

5. Whereas, in the reference 12th read above, the Inquiry Authority has submitted the enquiry report, stating that the charges framed against the **"CHARGED OFFICER ARE PARTIALLY HELD PROVED"** and the same has been communicated to the Charged Officer vide reference 13th read above. Accordingly, the above Charged officer has submitted his explanation vide reference 14th read above, which is not convincing.

6. Government, after following the due procedure as per scheme of vigilance and after careful examination of the record of inquiry report etc. in the present disciplinary case, have decided to impose a minor punishment of "Reduction to a lower stage in the time scale of pay by two stages for six months" on Sri Ch.Vidya Sagar, the then Executive Engineer, RWS&S, Vizianagaram Division, Vizianagaram District and presently working as District RWS Engineering officer, Bapatla District under Rule 9(v)(b) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991.

7. Accordingly, Government hereby order to impose a minor punishment of "Reduction to a lower stage in the time scale of pay by two stages for six months" against Sri Ch.Vidya Sagar, the then Executive Engineer, RWS&S, Vizianagaram Division, Vizianagaram District and presently working as District RWS Engineering officer, Bapatla District under Rule 9(v)(b) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991.

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8. The Engineer-in-Chief, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation, Vijayawada shall take necessary further action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

B RAJSEKHAR
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri Ch.Vidya Sagar, the then Executive Engineer, RWS&S, Vizianagaram Division, Vizianagaram District and presently working as District RWS Engineering officer, Bapatla District.(through Engineer-In-Chief, RWS&S, Vijayawada)
The Engineer-in-Chief, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation, AP., Vijayawada (in duplicate with a request to obtain and furnish the dated acknowledgment of the orders)

Copy to:
The Secretary, APVC, Secretariat Building-5, Velagapudi.
The PR&RD(Est.II) Dept, AP Secretariat, Velagapudi.
The Superintending Engineer, RWS&S, Bapatla.
SF/SC.

//FORWARDED :: BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER